

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on July 18, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 7, 14-15, 50, 52, 56 and 58 as follows:

Y

A peptide of the formula: $R^1-X^2-R^2$

wherein

X¹ is an aromatic amino acid residue;

X² is any amino acid residue; and

R¹ is NH₂- or an amino acid sequence X³-X⁴-X⁵

wherein X^3 is an aliphatic amino acid residue having a side chain hydroxyl group and X^4 and X^5 are the same or different and are any amino acid residue and wherein R^2 is 1

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